

What is claimed is:

1. A cork extractor comprising:
 - a body having a pair of opposed body members defining a gap therebetween and having a dimension that radially increases from a first end to a second end of the body;
 - a hinge member rotatably fixed at the first body end for turning about an axis fixed with respect to the body; and
 - a corkscrew connected to the hinge member for pivotal movement about the axis between a retracted position lying in the gap and an extended position for pulling a cork out from a bottle mouth upon the body being turned about the hinge member while bearing slidably against said bottle mouth at a position sliding from its first end to its second end.
2. The cork extractor as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hinge member includes a surface from which the corkscrew projects, the surface extends at right angles to the axis for bearing stably against a cork while it is being pulled out by the corkscrew.
3. The cork extractor as claimed in claim 2, wherein the hinge member surface occupies substantially the entire width of the gap.
4. The cork extractor as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hinge member has a part-cylindrical shape centering at the axis.
5. The cork extractor as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two body members comprise a pair of opposed walls having respective aligned spirally curved edges for bearing against said bottle mouth.

6. The cork extractor as claimed in claim 2, wherein the hinge member includes a protrusion from a one end of the surface, and the body has a generally L-shaped opening generally matching and aligned with the hinge member surface and protrusion when the corkscrew is in the extended position.

7. The cork extractor as claimed in claim 2, wherein the hinge member includes a protrusion from a one end of the surface, which abuts a portion of the body to define the extended position of the corkscrew.

8. The cork extractor as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two body members include respective opposed inclined surfaces to facilitate entry of said cork into the gap upon being pulled by the corkscrew out from said bottle mouth.

9. The cork extractor as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two body members are inter-connected by a web, the body members and web, defining a substantially U-shaped cross-section, the corkscrew being disposed adjacent the web in the retracted position.

10. The cork extractor as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two body members are inter-connected by a web which has an end provided with a cutter for cutting a sealing foil on said cork and bottle mouth.

11. The cork extractor as claimed in claim 10, wherein the web end protrudes from the second body end, and the cutter is located within the web end.